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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0005] with the following amended paragraph:

[0005] This object is achieved by a method ~~with the features specified in claim 1, as well as a pump with the features specified in claim 12. Preferred embodiment forms are to be deduced from the accompanying dependent claims.~~ for controlling one or more pumps in a pump sump with which each pump comprises a signal generator which switches on the pump, and each pump subsequent to its running if firstly automatically blocked by changing its switching value and depending on the running of the further pumps in the pump sump is released again.

Please add the following new paragraph after paragraph [0005]:

[0005.1] The object is further achieved by a pump with a signal generator and a control means for activating the pump, wherein the control means comprises a means for detecting the operation of further pumps in the same pump housing, a blocking function which blocks the pump by changing its switching value and a release function which releases the pump again depending on the operation of further pumps. Preferred embodiment forms are to be deduced from the accompanying dependent claims.

Please add the following new paragraph after paragraph [0024]:

[0024.1] Other objects and advantages of the invention will be apparent from the following description, the accompanying drawings and the appended claims.

Please add the following new paragraph after paragraph [0035]³⁷:

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[0035:1] While the method herein described, and the form of apparatus for carrying this method into effect, constitute preferred embodiments of this invention, it is to be understood that the invention is not limited to this precise method and form of apparatus, and that changes may be made in either without departing from the scope of the invention, which is defined in the appended claims.

What is claimed is: